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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December 1944 was estimated to be 488,348.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only)

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			AUGUST		8 months ended AUGUST	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	..	No.	309	369	2,525	3,077
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	7.39	8.96	7.73	9.53
Births	..	No.	902	984	7,383	7,295
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	21.57	23.90	22.61	22.59
Deaths	..	No.	471	422	3,143	2,988
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	11.26	10.25	9.63	9.25
Infant Mortality	No.		32	38	210	238
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	35.48	38.62	28.44	32.63
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			17	14	118	108
Cancer			39	46	385	369
Influenza			1	1	3	8
Diphtheria			1	2	13	14
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			47	32	309	251
Arteriosclerosis			20	15	121	121
Diseases of the Heart			150	102	860	701
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia			22	37	177	232
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			1	6	34	39
Nephritis			20	17	123	116
Diseases of Early Infancy			16	19	119	123
Senility			15	23	102	127
Accidents			26	24	167	170
All Other Causes			96	84	612	609
Total			471	422	3,143	2,988

* Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September 1945 totalled 161,657 acres, an increase of 3,612 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,331,115 acres, a decrease of 695,919 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of September		3 months ended September	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£	£	£	£
Revenue ..	1,046,904	1,080,470	3,093,052	3,217,942
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.2.6d.	£2.4.5d.	£6.5.8d.	£6.12.5d.
Expenditure ..	1,122,030	1,073,119	3,479,266	3,360,357
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.5.6d.	£2.4.1d.	£7.1.4d.	£6.18.3d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th September 1945 amounted to £33,306,838, or £67.11.2d. per head of population, as against £27,674,614, or £56.17.1d. per head as at the 30th September last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th September 1945 amounted to £2,864,909, compared with £2,682,477 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			September		3 months ended September	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	..	(No.	914	816	2,877	2,533
		(£	396,136	286,119	1,173,426	1,010,851
Mortgages	..	(No.	316	199	992	658
		(£	257,255	167,744	1,027,821	728,556
Discharges of Mortgages		No.	571	481	1,729	1,525

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1944 -				
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 -				
January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

Ten Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £458,000, and eleven foreign Companies were registered for the three months ended 30th September, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there was one Local Company with a nominal capital of £5,000 registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

3 months ended September						
1945.				1944.		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	4	11,601	5,653	-	-	-
Deeds of Assignment (a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and Passenger traffic were as follow :-

	AUGUST		2 months ended August	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings £	326,700	386,500	648,800	730,300
Working Expenses £	334,473	326,653	649,914	618,219
Train miles run	510,847	540,828	1,021,959	1,058,918
Passenger Journeys	1,285,061(b)	1,516,691	(a)	2,901,296
Tonnage carried -				
Paying Goods	196,866	253,065	396,484	432,671
Livestock	8,595	11,640	18,939	21,300
Departmental (Free Freight)	41,753	42,167	79,042	87,405
Total	247,214	306,872	494,465	591,376
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	25,474,770	27,435,907	52,038,182	52,813,081
Livestock	927,572	1,199,541	2,032,130	2,214,667
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,879,747	6,323,982	11,548,672	13,024,964
Total	32,282,089	34,959,430	65,618,984	68,052,712

(a) Not available.
(b) Figures for July,

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year								
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	-	34	2	8
August	-	12	-	7	-	21	-	7
September	2	19	-	4	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
July	17,732	6,019	186	2,483	29,013	22,253	213	3,861
August	17,919	6,171	193	2,635	29,555	23,175	223	4,185
September	17,950	6,188	193	2,637	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - AUGUST	88	399	4	6

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the two months ended August 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	Imports				Exports (including Ships' Stores)			
	August		2 months ended August		August		2 months ended August	
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
Oversea	392	737	719	1,150	1,125	972	2,297	2,100
Interstate	1,492	1,295	2,457	2,282	473	277	1,099	397
Total	1,884	2,032	3,176	3,432	1,598	1,249	3,396	2,497

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
September 1945	141	108,425	6	4,786	207	25,048	354	138,259
September 1944	50	35,331	2	930	93	77,692	145	113,953
3 months ended September 1945	279	210,435	6	4,786	553	53,404	838	268,625
3 months ended September 1944	115	78,726	5	9,833	270	91,829	390	180,388

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS. (15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
September 1945	18	15,598	2	1,365	40	4,492	60	21,455
September 1944	1	1,050	2	308	16	1,003	19	2,361
3 months ended September 1945	25	21,101	6	2,015	87	6,922	118	30,038
3 months ended September 1944	18	14,555	2	308	67	6,186	87	21,049

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,376,289 lbs. were produced during August 1945, and 2,484,848 lbs. for the two months ended August 1945, as against 1,485,376 lbs. and 2,523,004 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		September		9 months ended September	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	33,464	39,476	354,977	350,670
Value (Australian Currency) £		360,156	417,392	3,787,942	3,674,698

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the nine months ended September 1945 amounted to £236,166 as against £622,813 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	September		3 months ended September	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries :				
Metropolitan Area	1062	1061	1067	1067
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1193	1184	1199	1188
Northam	1071	1072	1077	1080
Bunbury	1046	1045	1051	1050
Geraldton	1086	1105	1090	1112

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) =1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	134	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	829	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)	143	1000	888	828	832	907
August	113	119	136	140		987	882	814	832	
Sept.	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

		September		3 months ended September	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated	.. (1000 K.W.H.)	12,717	15,076	47,136	47,712
Units Sold	.. (1000 K.W.H.)	11,261	12,427	40,812	39,953

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
September 1945	5,124	485	82,127	14,510
September 1944	4,361	548	116,944	14,366
Nine months ended Sept. 1945	53,378	2,594	571,101	118,787
Nine months ended Sept. 1944	38,541	2,737	684,365	113,065